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Membership in Organizations:

National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials
President 1952-54

National Conference of Christians and Jews
member of board 1947-53

Buffalo Urban League
member of board 1949-52

Social Workers Club
President 1949

Board of Deacons, First Presbyterian Church

Social Service Board, Council of Churches

Buffalo Public Library
life member

Citizens Housing Council (Buffalo)

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

New York State Committee against Discrimination in Housing

Publications:

Segregation is Not The Answer
The American City (Mag) 1947
Organize the Story for Labor
Channels, (Magazine of the American Library Association) 1943
Labors Participation in War Relief,
Survey Mid-monthly about 1943
A paper on the use of Volunteers
Prodeedings, New York State Conference on Social Work
The People of Buffalo
Building the Community Through Family Life
Your Neighbor, the Policeman
Report on Housing (Urban Redevelopment, Conservation and Rehabilitation)
Publications of the Board of Community Relations
City of Buffalo

Education:

High School: Charlotte High School
Rochester, New York

College: Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire
B.A. degree granted 1938

Graduate Work: University of Buffalo, School of Social Work, Buffalo, New York - Graduate Certificate in Social Work granted 1939

Am currently a candidate for masters degree in Social Work. Degree expected June 1954.

Summary: College major was in Sociology. Work in graduate school in social work with emphasis on community organization and housing and city planning.

Experience:

November 1945 to January 1954: Executive Director, Board of Community Relations; City of Buffalo. Conducted a program of community organization, interpretation, dealing with intergroup relations. Provided professional consultant services to Board of Education, Police Department, Social Agencies on intergroup problems.

Organized conferences, training programs, youth programs; conducted studies of social problems, made recommendations to Common Council and Mayor; prepared publications. (full report on activities available)

References: Dr. Lillian Wilcox
Board of Education;
City Hall, Buffalo, N.Y.

Hon. David Diamond
Liberty Bank Building
Buffalo. New York

September 1945 to November 1945: Conducted a campaign in behalf of a housing referendum in New York State.

References: Miss Loula Lasker
New York City

April 1945 to September 1945: Served as consultant in race and labor relations to the Social Protection Division of the Federal Security Agency.

Reference: Mr. Thomas Devine

June 1944 to April 1945: (In June 1944 I resigned from the National CIO War Relief Committee expecting to enter the U.S. Navy. This did not happen but my draft status remained uncertain and permanent employment was impossible. For a period of about ten months there were the temporary jobs below involving fund raising and public relations:)

- National Citizens Political Action Committee, assistant finance director. This was actually an adjunct to the CIO Political Action Committee, in the fall of 1944. Worked for Nelson Bengston.
- Union for Democratic Action, ass't. to the Director. A social action agency whose chairman was Reinhold Nieburr. Worked for James Loeb.
- India League of America, an agency concerned with freedom for India. Worked for J. J. Singh.

May 1942 to June 1944: Assistant National Director, CIO War Relief Committee. At the beginning of the Second World War the AF of L and CIO had planned to develop their own war relief program separate and apart from the War Chest and the Red Cross Program. Early in this development I had raised some questions about this procedure with Monroe Sweetland, the National Director of the CIO War Relief Committee. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Sweetland asked me to join the staff of this agency to work out relationships with the National War Fund and the American Red Cross which would result in an effective program of labor participation in the activities of these agencies. The result was an extensive program of participation in the War Relief activities of these agencies which eventually resulted in a staff of nearly one hundred in over 20 regional offices and the raising of several millions of dollars through labor participation. The present CIO Community Services Committee is an agency which resulted from the activities of the CIO War Relief Committee. Mr. Sweetland joined the staff of the Red Cross in 1943 and was replaced by Mr. Leo Perlis.

References: Mr. Monroe Sweetland

Mr. Ralph Blanchard, Executive Secretary
Community Chests and Councils Inc.
Carnegie Foundation for International Peace
New York City, New York

September 1941 to May 1942: Director-Division of Service to Labor Detroit Council of Social Agencies. The problems of integrating the new community leadership which was developing through the organized labor movement had been recognized for some time. The Division of Service to Labor was an effort to help social agencies become oriented to this new factor in the community and to help labor leadership become integrated with the leadership of social agencies. The concerns of this department also included the special problems of minority groups. Little was actually accomplished because I left the position too soon.

September 1940 to September 1941: Assistant Director of Community Councils, Detroit Council of Social Agencies. Helped organize a Community Council program in Detroit, Michigan; worked with neighborhood groups, church, civic, and social. In addition, worked with some city wide housing and youth activities in an advisory way. Prepared bulletins, conferences, social work interpretation.

References: Robert MacRae, Exec. Sec.
Chicago Council of Social Agencies
Chicago, Illinois
(formerly with the Detroit Council)

Miss Helen Thorburn
Detroit Council of Social Agencies
51 West Warren Avenue
Detroit, Michigan.

Spring of 1940 to September 1940: Special Assistant, Buffalo Council of Social Agencies, Genesee Building, Buffalo, New York. General Assistant to Director of the Buffalo Council; helped with recreation study and housing study and made a study of treatment of alcoholics.

June 1939 to Spring of 1940: Tenant Selection Aid, Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority, Buffalo, New York. Investigator for applications for units in newly completed housing projects.

Other: While in college in Hanover, New Hampshire, I worked one summer as an organizer for the Textile Workers Organizing Committee. While in Graduate School, I worked for awhile, part time, for a real estate agency as part of my field work in housing and city planning.

Lectured at: Fisk University, Oberlin College, Canisius College, University of Buffalo, State College for Teachers.

In the summer of 1946 I taught a summer course in Social Action at the New York School of Social Work (part of Columbia University).

Summary: My work experience has involved the following major areas: Race relations and intergroup relations: Community organization for Health and Welfare services and planning: Community organization administration: Education and interpretations housing and city planning; labor relations.

General Summary: My general interest has been with the relatedness between people, problems, ideas, movements and planning. Race Relations problems are an integral part of many other kinds of problems. The ways in which tension is handled in any given situation is related to how the the situation is understood and hence interpretation is important. Housing and city planning and welfare planning is interesting because in these designs we reveal our intentions about the way we think the world ought to be. Administration in these areas has always interested me because at its best it is a synthesis of all of these factors in a realistic and practical way.